Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1817.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, A. L. 5817.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JAMES C. KING,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH BROWN,	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. E. PAUL DEAN,	Grand Chaplain.
E. Z. G. WHITMAN,	Grand Marshal.
" J. G. JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
Comp. R. HUNNEWELL,	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers, viz:

M.E. OLIVER PRESCOTT,	E. NATH'L KNAPP,
E. HENRY PURKETT,	" WILLIAM WOART,
" GILMAN WHITE,	" JONATHAN GAGE,

E. STEPHEN HOWARD.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by HENRY PURKETT, as High Priest, Z. G. WHITMAN, King, and B. SMITH, as Scribe.

King Cyrus, by JAMES MORSE, High Priest, BENJ. WHITMORE, King.

Adoniram, by RICH'D CARRIQUE, High Priest, GEORGE ELLIS, Scribe.

King Hiram, by ELEAZER JOHNSON, as High Priest, and GEO. GREENLEAF, as Scribe.

Visiters.—Comps. Richard S. Spofford, Samuel Cutler, Edward Dorr, Stephen Folsom, James Pike, John Cook and Joseph Currier.

Committee for procuring regalia, &c., reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee appointed to examine Comp. Luke Eastman's collection of Masonic songs, &c., reported that they had attended to the duty assigned, and had granted him a certificate of approbation, which report was accepted.

The Committee to report a uniform explanation of the Key to the Royal Arch characters, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The following report was read and accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of fees to this Grand Chapter, ask leave to report, that in their opinion, the following regulations should be adopted, viz:

That every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, in future, require of every candidate by them accepted and advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, the full fee for exaltation, and every Chapter shall make return of those advanced, and pay the fee to the Grand Chapter, although such candidate may not have been exalted. Provided, nevertheless, that

this rule shall not be considered to extend to cases where the Royal Arch degree shall have been previously conferred.

Signed, H. Fowle.
H. Purkett.

The Committee to provide a place for the future meetings of this Grand Chapter, reported, that in concert with other Masonic societies, they had made arrangements that the future Communications, when in Boston, should be held at the new Masonic Hall, in the Exchange Building, which report was accepted.

A petition from Adoniram Chapter, "praying the Grand Chapter to grant them a dispensation for the payment of their dues the present session," was committed to Exc't Comps. J. C. King, Henry Purkett and Gilman White, who reported as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Adoniram Chapter, report that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. They are however induced to make this report from a consideration of particular circumstances, and recommend that this shall not be considered as a precedent in any future applications.

Signed, J. C. King, *Chairman.*

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

A petition from Comps. Titus Strong, Alpheus T. Stone and others, praying for a Charter to hold a Chapter in the town of Greenfield, was read, and committed to E. Comps. Henry Fowle, James Morse and Oliver Prescott, who having considered the subject, reported, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, provided they obtain the approbation of King Hiram Chapter at Greenwich, and that the Grand High Priest be requested to issue his warrant for that purpose, whenever the said approbation shall be obtained. All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, H. Fowle, per order.

Which report was accepted.

Returns were received from the following Chapters, viz: St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, St. John's and Washington.

Voted, That E. Comps. W. Woart, Benj. Smith and R. Carrique, be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to report what compensation shall be made them for their services the past year.

The Committee on the foregoing vote having attended to the business assigned them, reported "that they find the Grand Treasurer's accounts correct, rightly and properly vouched, and that there remains a balance in his hands of one hundred and one dollars and sixty-two cents. The Committee also find the books of the Grand Secretary in neat, exact and conspicuous order, and that the same appear correctly entered.

The Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his past services. But your Committee considering the duties of the Grand Secretary are very considerable, do recommend that he receive the sum of twenty dollars for his services the past year.

Signed, W. Woart,
Benj. Smith,
Richard Carrique.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, a Convention was formed, Comp. Jonathan Gage, Chairman, and Comps. Stephen Howard, T. P. Jackson and Henry Purkett, were appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the votes. The Companions having brought in their votes for the several offices, the Convention rose and reported to the Chapter the following

M.E. and E. Companions to have been unanimously re-elected, viz:

M.E. Andrew Sigourney,	Grand High Priest.
E. James C. King,	Grand King.
" Joseph Brown,	Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson,	Grand Treasurer.
" John J. Loring,	Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. Gage for his services as Chairman of the Convention.

The following appointments were then made by the M.E. Grand High Priest, viz:

E. Henry Fowle of Boston,	Dep. G. High Priest
E. and Rev. Paul Dean of Boston,	Grand Chaplain.
" " E. L. Bascom of Phillipston,	" "
" " Alpheus Harding, New Salem,	" "
" " Thomas Carlile of Salem,	" "
" Zach. G. Whitman of Boston,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson of Boston,	Grand Steward.
" Samuel Davis of Boston,	" "
" Benj. Whitmore of Newburyport,	" "
" Jona. G. Johnson of Newburyport,	" "
" Rich'd Hunnewell of Newburyport,	Grand Tyler.
" Eben'r Oliver of Boston,	" "

All the officers present having taken the usual obligation, were regularly installed into their several offices.

On motion, *Voted*, "That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to each of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, an annual printed Communication (under the direction of the Grand High Priest, and within one month after each annual meeting of the Grand Chapter) of the names of the Grand Officers, and such other matters as the Grand High Priest may deem necessary."

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

A true record.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, 9th of December, A. L. 5817.

Present:

M.E. Andrew Sigourney,	Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Fowle,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" John Abbot,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Henry Purkett,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Thomas P. Jackson,	Grand Treasurer.
" John J. Loring,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Zach. G. Whitman,	Grand Marshal.
" Seth Johnson,	Grand Steward.
" Jona. G. Johnson,	" "
" Eben'r Oliver,	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by M.E. Joseph Jenkins, High Priest, W. Barry, King, and D. L. Gibbens, Scribe.

King Cyrus, by Jos. D. Pike, as High Priest, and J. G. Johnson, Scribe.

King Solomon's, by Jonathan Going, King, and Nathan Knowlton, Scribe.

King Hiram, by John Warner, High Priest, and W. P. Wing, King.

Washington, by M.E. Thomas Cole, High Priest.

Visiters.—M.E. Comps. Jona. Nye, Caleb Butler, William Swan, Comps. Titus Strong, Aaron Bean, James Mann, David W. Sanborn, Francis Wyman, Charles Blood, Joseph Dorr, Jona. Robinson, Jr., David Childs, Samuel Tuck and S. Farnsworth.

Committee on regalia, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider what measures may be adopted to prevent itinerant persons attempting to instruct the Chapters or individual Companions under this jurisdiction, in the lectures appertaining to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, and to preserve the lectures in their present order.

Voted, That E. Comps. Henry Fowle, John Abbot and John J. Loring, be the Committee to carry the above vote into effect.

Rev. Comp. Titus Strong having stated that for certain reasons the petitioners for a Chapter to be holden at Greenfield, had not been able to obtain the approbation of King Hiram Chapter, it was *Voted*, That the subject be committed to E. Comps. H. Fowle, R. Carrique and Thomas Cole, who having heard the parties, reported as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was committed the petition of Comp. Titus Strong and others, praying for a Charter or dispensation, to empower them to open a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in

Greenfield, having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to report, That in the opinion of your Committee, the petitioners have complied with the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, and therefore, that their prayer be granted.

Respectfully submitted by H. Fowle, *Chairman.*

Voted, That the above report be accepted, and that the Grand High Priest be requested to issue his dispensation accordingly.

On motion, *Voted*, That the regulations passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, respecting fees, be so far reconsidered that the subject be committed to a new Committee. E. Comps. John Abbot, Samuel L. Knapp and Joseph Jenkins, were appointed the Committee, and having considered the subject, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of fees to the Grand Chapter, report that it is expedient that the regulation adopted on that subject at the last meeting be repealed.

Per order, J. Abbot, *Chairman.*

Which report was accepted.

Voted, That E. Comps. Z. G. Whitman, Henry Purkett and Joseph Jenkins, be a Committee to report on the subject of censures and expulsions.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

A true record,

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,

Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th of June, A. L. 5818.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOSEPH JENKINS, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" ZACH. G. WHITMAN, .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" EBEN'R OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.

Visiters admitted by Vote.—Comps. Robert Lash, Jr., Thomas Cole, Samuel Wales, Jonathan Jewett, L. Q. C. Bowles, Lewis F. Gallup, E. G. House, Levi Bartlett, Walter R. Johnson, William Coolidge, Jona. Smith, Amos Clarke and Enoch Mudge.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by M.E. JOSEPH JENKINS, High Priest, and D. L. GIBBENS, Scribe.

Washington, by M.E. H. WHIPPLE, High Priest, J. G. SPRAGUE, King, and ——— PUTNAM, Scribe.

Morning Star, by ROSWELL LEE, King. (Under Dispensation.)

Committee on regalia reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Committee on the subject of itinerant teachers, &c., having reported, it was *Voted*, That the report be recommitted to the same Committee, to be again brought forward at the next Annual Meeting.

Committee on censures and expulsions reported progress, and was allowed to continue their sitting.

On motion, *Voted*, That E. Comps. Henry Purkett, Joseph Jenkins and John J. Loring, be a Committee to revise the present form of Charters and to procure a number of blank copies, to be printed on vellum or parchment, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of the same.

A petition from Seth F. Swift and others, to hold a Chapter in Nantucket, was read, and committed to Comps. Z. G. Whitman, Henry Whipple and Roswell Lee, who having attended the duty, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Comp. Seth F. Swift and others, praying for a new Chapter to be established at Nantucket, having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to report, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to grant them the usual dispensation or warrant issued in such cases. All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, Z. G. WHITMAN, H. WHIPPLE, R. LEE, } *Committee.*

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

Voted, That E. Comps. Henry Purkett, Z. G. Whitman and J. J. Loring, [be a Committee] to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of Subordinate Chapters, at the Annual Communication in September next.

Voted, That E. Comps. H. Fowle, H. Purkett and T. P. Jackson, be a Committee to take into consideration the sub-

ject of fees to this Grand Chapter, and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication.

A report of a Convention of High Priests at Boston, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Comp. Henry Whipple, who produced the necessary vouchers of his having been elected High Priest of Washington Chapter, at Salem, having been read, it was *Voted*, That the same be placed on the files of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the next Annual Meeting be held at this place, on Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in September next.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true record.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Springfield, on the 29th day of June, 5818, for the purpose of dedicating and installing the officers of Morning Star Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following commission and report were read, viz:

E. Comp. Fowle,

Sir,—Having received information from the Companions at Springfield, to whom a dispensation was granted in June, 5817, to hold a Chapter, by the name of Morning Star, that it is their desire to have their Chapter dedicated and the officers installed on the 29th inst., it is my direction and request, that you, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, proceed to Springfield, and in open Chapter, examine said Companions in their mode of work, their records, and every thing else required by the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and report to me on the said 29th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., provided I shall at that time be at Springfield; if I am not, and you find the Companions duly qualified, you will proceed to dedicate said Chapter, and install its officers, and report to me your proceedings on your return; and for the doing of all which this shall be your sufficient authority.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
Grand High Priest.

Boston, 24th June, 1818.

Springfield, 29th June, 1818.

M.E. Andrew Sigourney, Esq.

Sir,—In obedience to your orders dated 24th June, 1818, I proceeded this morning, in company with E. Comp. J. J. Loring, Grand Secretary, to examine the officers of Morning Star Chapter, and inspect their records.

We found their High Priest elect, the Rev. Samuel Osgood, wel informed in the lectures, and modes of work, as established by the Grand Chapter. The other officers appeared to be acquainted with their several duties, and zealous to perform them acceptably.

The records appeared correct, and from the character and number of the Companions exalted since their establishment, and the attentive zeal of the members generally, no doubt need be entertained of their success in promoting the honor and interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient humble servant,

Henry Fowle, *Deputy Grand High Priest,*
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mass.

Voted, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to dedicate Morning Star Chapter and install its officers.

A grand procession was then formed and proceeded to the hall, where the ceremonies of dedication were performed, and the following officers were installed, viz:

M.E. Samuel Osgood,	High Priest.
E. Roswell Lee,	King.
" Warren Church,	Scribe.
Comp. Joseph Carew,	Treasurer.
" George Cotton,	Secretary.
" Justin Willard,	Royal Arch Captain.
" John B. Kirkham,	Captain of Host.
" Alexander Stocking,	Principal Sojourner.
" John Newbury,	Master of 3d Vail.
" Sylvester Clark,	Master of 2d Vail.
" Benjamin Howard,	Master of 1st Vail.
" Calvin Shattuck,	Steward.
" Marvin Mudge,	"
" Joseph Hopkins,	Tyler.

After which the whole repaired to the refreshment room and partook of a bountiful entertainment provided for the occasion. The Grand Chapter then returned to their room and closed.

Note. The foregoing Special Meeting does not appear upon the written records, but does appear in the printed proceedings of 1819. The installing officer gives the name of the High Priest elect, as "Rev. Titus Strong," which is so plainly an error that the compiler has taken the liberty to correct it, by substituting the name of the High Priest who was installed upon the occasion—Rev. Samuel Osgood. Rev. Titus Strong was a resident of Greenfield, and probably the High Priest of Franklin Chapter working there under a dispensation quite as early as that of the Chapter at Springfield. We find no record of the institution of Franklin Chapter. It seems quite likely, that in consequence of the long and tedious journey from Boston in those days, that the Grand Officers visited both bodies on the same trip, and in their report got names and places confounded; but this does not account for entire silence otherwise as regards Greenfield.